

REMARKS

Claims 1, 35, and 51 are amended herein and claims 12, 44, and 63 are cancelled. Claims 1-11, 13-43, 45-62, and 64-67 will be pending following entry of this amendment.

Features previously recited in claims 12, 44, and 63 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 35, and 52, respectively. The following remarks are responsive to the non-final Office action dated June 10, 2008.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing independent claim 17 and dependent claims 18-34 and indicating allowable subject matter in dependent claims 12, 13, 44, 45, and 63.

Response to claim rejections

Claims 1-11, 14-16, 35-43, 46-62, and 64-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The features previously recited in claims 12, 44, and 63 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 35, and 52, respectively.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 35, and 51 are submitted to be in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action.

Claims 2-11, 36-44, 45-50, 52-62, and 64-47 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 35, and 51, respectively and are patentable based on their dependency from claims 1, 35, and 51. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of dependent claims 2-11, 36-44, 45-50, 52-62, and 64-67.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-11, 13-16, 35-43, 45-62, and 64-67 is respectfully requested. Claims 17-34 were indicated by the Office as being allowed in the Office Action of June 10, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any government fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 12-384.

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